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Chiang's Support For Peace Parleys

Nanking, Mar. 31.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is willing to support the efforts of the Nationalist peace delegation, which will begin negotiations to end China's civil war with the Communists on Friday, according to sources here.

These sources told Reuters that this information was given yesterday to a closed session of the Legislative Yuan by General Chang Chih-chung, the leader of the delegation, who returned early in the afternoon by air from a visit to the Generalissimo's place of retirement at Chikow, near Fenghuang.

The reported decision of the Generalissimo was expected by observers to bolster the peace efforts of Acting President Li Tsung-jen and his supporters, but the extent to which the Generalissimo was supporting Acting President Li Tsung-jen's policy has been the topic of controversy here since Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek stepped down from the Presidential post.

CHIEF DIFFICULTIES

General Chang was reported to have told the Legislators that the Nationalist peace delegation expected difficulties in the negotiations with the Reds on mainly three of the eight-point peace terms of the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung—the reorganisation of the Chinese armies, the punishment of war criminals and elimination of so-called reactionary elements from any proposed National Coalition Government that is formed after a cease fire.

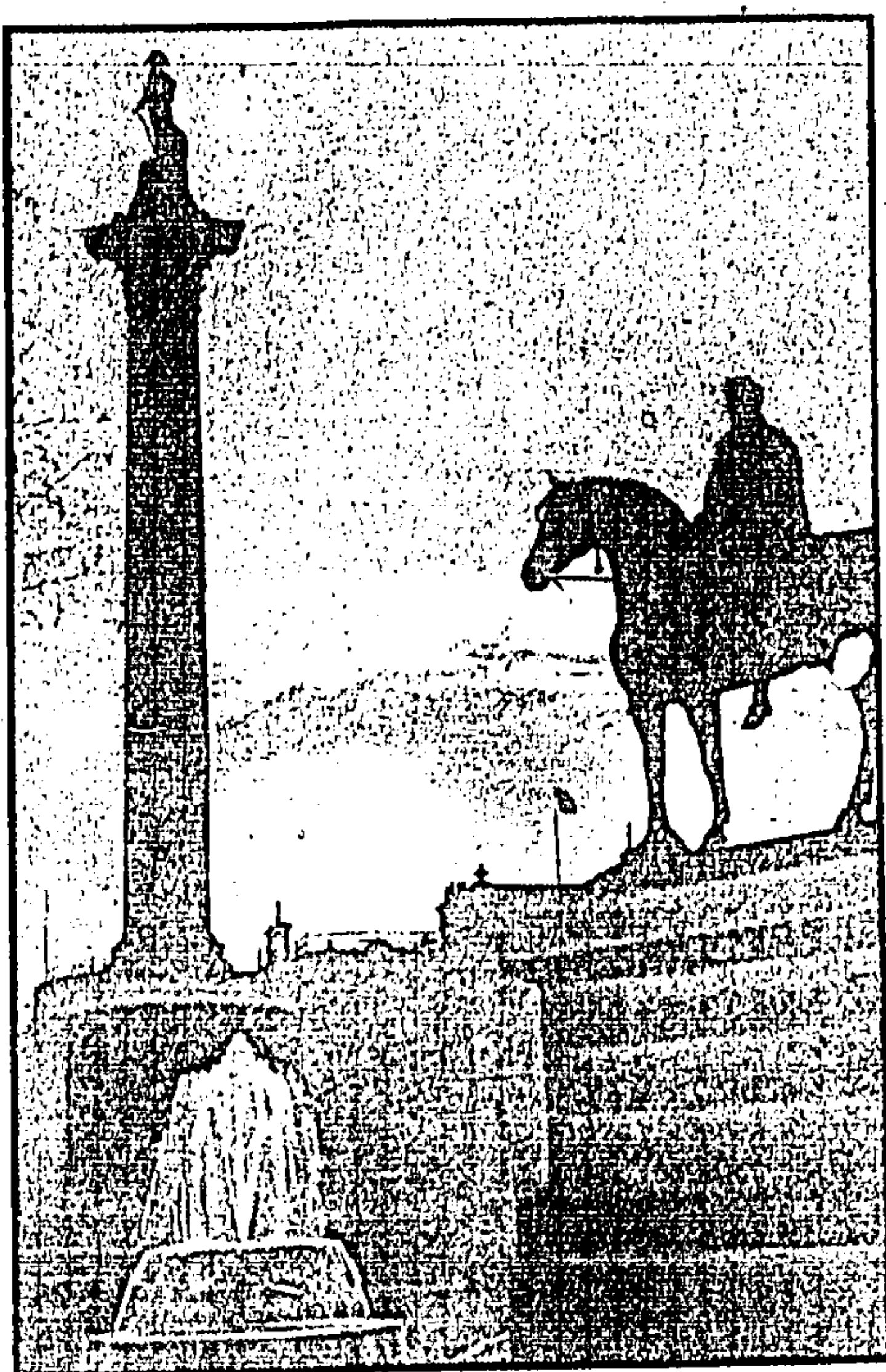
Dr. Shao Li-te, another important peace delegate, is understood to have also addressed the Yuan. He was reported to have said that, although he was not optimistic about the outcome, he was not entirely without enthusiasm for the task ahead.

LEAVING FOR CHINA

Moscow, Mar. 30.—Dr. Fu Ping-chang, the Chinese Ambassador in Moscow, said tonight that he was leaving for China shortly to study conditions on the spot and decide whether to accept the offer of post of Foreign Minister.

"I have been away from China so long and I must know the actual conditions before making any decision," he said.

Nocturne In The Square



March sunset in Trafalgar Square — and now the sky signs have reappeared there for the first time in ten years.

Want Peace Based On Fairness, Equality And Freedom

Canton, Mar. 31.—Fifty legislators late yesterday passed a resolution that peace with the Communists shall be based on fairness, equality and freedom.

The resolution said: first, both sides will cease hostilities from April 1, the date the negotiations are set to begin in Peking; second, the negotiations will be open and accessible to newspapermen; third, the peace results must be in effect approved by the Legislative Yuan and, fourth, amendment of the constitution must be according to the law governing amendment.

In their eight-point peace programme, the Communists want to junk the constitution, not amend it. Several legislators in Canton said they will wait until results

of the peace talks are known before making any comment on the negotiations. They said they are not in sympathy with the Rightist section of the peace negotiations and fear the Nationalist government will surrender unconditionally to the Reds.

It was rumoured in the Canton press that Dr. T. V. Soong, former Premier, will proceed to buy arms for the South China armies should the peace talks fail. One report said Mr. Soong flew to Chikow to consult with Chiang Kai-shek. Associated Press.

H.K. WAR DAMAGE COMPENSATION

QUERIED IN COMMONS

14,723 Claims Submitted

NO CHANCE OF SETTLEMENT

London, Mar. 30.—Opposition Members of Parliament today questioned Mr. David Rees Williams, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, about the different attitude adopted by the authorities in Hongkong towards war damage compensation compared with that in Malaya and Borneo.

Replying to Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative, Mr. Rees Williams said the total number of claims for war damage compensation received by the Government of Hongkong was 14,723, amounting, to the nearest thousand, to £38,610,000.

Mr. Gammans: "Does the Minister not feel that, in view of the number of claims and the amount of money involved, the Government of Hongkong might be asked to adopt a different attitude, and that what is being done in the payment of compensation in Borneo and Malaya might be followed in Hongkong?"

Mr. Rees Williams: "I am afraid we could not make another approach to the Hongkong Government on this matter. They have fully considered it, and for reasons given to the House they have decided not to adopt a compensation scheme of the kind in Malaya."

Air-Commodore Harvey, Conservative, asked what proportion of the claims had been settled.

Mr. Rees Williams told him that there was no question of settlement because there was no scheme.

Mr. Gammans: "How can the Minister defend an entirely different method as between two colonies? Why should a man who has lost everything in Hongkong not be compensated?"

THE DIFFERENCES

Mr. Rees Williams: "There are differences. First, there was a contributory insurance scheme in Malaya, which there was not in Hongkong. Secondly, Hongkong became extremely wealthy. Trade recovered very rapidly and to a large extent the same conditions have not been obtained in the whole of Malaya."

Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd, Conservative: "In view of the fact that the people who are benefiting from the new prosperity may not necessarily be the same people who lost everything through bad conditions during the war, and in view of the widespread uncertainty about the decision of the local government, will the Minister have a new investigation made?"

Mr. Rees Williams: "I regret I cannot promise any new investigations in this matter because it has been announced for a considerable period, and that has been the unalterable decision of the Hongkong Government."—Reuter.

Urges Campaign

From Our Own Correspondent London, Mar. 30.—"It is only by starting a campaign in the Colony and making the Government there act that we can hope to get anything done," Capt. Gammans told me after his question in the Commons today.

Referring to the Colonial Office explanation that there was no war damage settlement scheme in Hongkong because the Colony had grown prosperous since the war, Capt. Gammans said: "That doesn't mean that individuals in Hongkong who have lost everything as a result of the war are not suffering."

Huks On The Warpath Again

20 People Killed

Manila, Mar. 31.—Press reports from Cabantuan said 20 persons were killed and five wounded as armed Huk bands struck at various points in southwestern Nueva Ecija province yesterday.

The Governor of Nueva Ecija, Juan Chibco, notified Malacanang, asking for the immediate dispatch of Constabulary reinforcements to his province.

Press reports said those killed in various encounters included 14 Huk leaders, three Constabulary troopers, two civilian guards and one civilian, while the wounded were three civilian guards and two soldiers.

The Huk retreated after each skirmish, apparently toward the Candaba swamps in nearby Pangasinana province.

Unconfirmed reports said the Huk chief, Luis Taruc, apparently was personally directing the renewed dissident attacks.

United Press.

ESANG LEAVES TIENTSIN

With Cargo For H.K.

Shanghai, Mar. 31.—The Jardine, Matheson steamer Esang sailed from Communist-held Tientsin last Monday for Hongkong with 70 tons of export cargo and several foreign passengers, it was reported here today.

She was believed to be the first foreign vessel to carry export products from the North China port since it fell into Communist hands.

The foreign passengers on board the Esang are said to include the Peking staff of the United States Economic Cooperation Administration, headed by Mr. Ritchie Davis, and Mr. Andrew W. Roth, one of the Peking correspondents recently banned by the Communist from operating.

Mr. Roth represents the Nation Magazine.—Reuter.



MR. L. GAMMANS

SYRIAN REVOLT

Army In Full Control

London, Mar. 30.—The Syrian Army seized President Shukri El Kouatli and his entire Cabinet in a lightning coup and today had complete control of Damascus, the capital. This report from the United States Minister in Damascus was the latest news tonight of the situation in Syria, where steel-helmeted troops carried out the coup at midnight.

Colonel Husni Zaim, the Army Commander-in-Chief, who led them, told Reuters in Damascus that urgent measures had been taken. There had been some arrests and a "new constitution government" would be formed.

Reports from neighbouring Transjordan said the Syrian Army was in control of the whole country, with its population of nearly three million, after swooping on key Ministries and Government buildings.

PARLIAMENT CALLED Members of the Syrian Parliament were called to an urgent meeting tonight following the bloodless coup by the Army Command at midnight. They were to discuss the formation of a new Government.

A curfew, proclaimed early this morning after 50-year-old Colonel Zaim had seized power, is expected to be lifted tomorrow.

President Kouatli and a number of his Ministers are reported to have been placed under detention in a hospital building at Mazzeh. The Army is in occupation of the Presidency, the President's house, and of all Government buildings. All strategic points and installations in the capital are in Army hands.

It was officially stated that not a single shot was fired in completion of the coup d'etat.

The Arab and foreign Legations in Damascus were told the reasons for the coup were purely internal, and have been maintained and that the normal life of the country may be expected to return shortly.

MERCHANTS WARNED

Colonel Zaim's headquarters warned food merchants that severe punishment would follow any hoarding of food prices.

Permanent Departmental officials were carrying on the administration until a new Government was formed.

Colonel Zaim told a press conference tonight that the reasons for the coup d'etat were the repeated attacks on the Syrian Army inside and outside Parliament and the attempt to pour scorn on it.

He said Army officers had been imprisoned on false charges. Additionally, the people's discontent with the present situation was widespread.

Colonel Zaim said negotiations were proceeding for forming a constitutional Government, which would proceed with new general elections. He said his actions were purely domestic and any attempt to interfere in Syrian affairs, "whether by Arab or foreign governments, will be opposed by force."

He concluded by saying that he had repeatedly warned those in power of the consequences of their "despotic behaviour."

Reuter.

Bevin Mobbed By Journalists On Arrival In NY

GIVES ATLANTIC PACT VIEWS

New York, Mar. 30.—The North Atlantic Pact was the "culmination of the concrete effort to prevent war for generations to come," Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, told reporters when he arrived here today on board the Queen Mary.

Mr. Bevin was mobbed by journalists and photographers when the Queen Mary docked. With Mr. Bevin on the giant liner were the Foreign Ministers of three other Western nations — The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg — on their way to Washington for the signing of the North Atlantic Pact on Monday.

All four Foreign Ministers endorsed the pact as a force for peace.

Scores of young demonstrators, armed with rotten eggs and tomatoes, scuffled with the police when Mr. Bevin landed. Before he came ashore, Mr. Bevin held one of the biggest press conferences ever held on the Queen Mary.

By signing the Atlantic Alliance, Mr. Bevin said, "We shall be able to build collective security through the United Nations. This is the first step of our great endeavour."

"GO HOME BEVIN" Ashore on the pier Secret Service officers and police were in strong attendance and kept a watchful eye on some 500 demonstrators chanting: "Go Home, Bevin," and carrying posters saying: "Hands Off Israel. We Want Peace."

The Foreign Secretary replied "Have you got on to a Mediterranean Pact?" When asked whether he had conferred with Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Russian Deputy Prime Minister who also travelled in the Queen Mary for the opening of the United Nations General Assembly, Mr. Bevin said, with a smile: "I never disturb the peace of the ship or cause any danger."

Mr. Bevin told his press conference: "This mission on which we are now engaged is the culmination of a concrete effort to bring about unity among the peace-loving countries to prevent war for generations to come."

"It will depend, of course, on the moral backing we get from all these countries. I do not mean merely countries but individual citizens. Without this individual moral force behind it, we shall not achieve what we are out to gain."

"I hope by the signing of the Atlantic Pact we shall be able to build collective security through the United Nations. This is the first step of our endeavour."

IT ALL DEPENDS

Mr. Bevin was then asked "whether we can expect security and peace for some time to come" by the signing of the Atlantic Pact. He replied: "It all depends on how the

Western world can act together. If we sign the pact we shall still be in danger in other words, it needs implementation."

Mr. Bevin was asked whether he would be conferring in Washington with any Government officials on other matters. He replied sharply: "I have come to sign the North Atlantic Pact. Then I am returning to the Mauritania."

Reporters who attempted to question him on the Palestine issue were told the Palestine was in the hands of the United Nations "and we are out of it."

Asked whether he was looking beyond the Atlantic Pact, Mr. Bevin replied: "I believe it is enough for the time being." At this stage, a reporter drew Mr. Bevin's attention to a picket line opposing his arrival here. It had formed at the entrance to the pier.

Mr. Bevin shrugged his shoulders, remarking: "That reminds me when I took part in picket lines. I organised many pickets of a different nature."

M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Premier and Foreign Minister, said he found the Atlantic Alliance entirely within the framework of the United Nations and that it strengthens the United Nations.

—Reuter.

ICELAND & PORTUGAL Reykjavik, Mar. 30.—The Icelandic Parliament today approved Iceland's adherence to the North Atlantic Pact after two days' debate. Thirty-seven members voted for the Government's Bill, 13 against and two abstained.

Some windows of the Parliament building were broken when large crowds gathered outside as the debate was going on. Some arrests were made.

Opposed to Iceland joining the pact were 10 Communists, two left wing Social Democrats and one Farmers' Party Member. Two Members of the latter party abstained.—Reuter.

Lisbon, Mar. 30.—Portugal decided today to join the Atlantic Pact, the Foreign Minister, Professor Crrego da Matta, leaving for Washington by plane on Thursday.—Associated Press.

British Jet Airliner May Fly This Year

London, Mar. 30.—The De Havilland Aircraft Company announced today that it hopes to put into the air this year a new jet airliner which is expected to fly from London to New York in about seven hours. The plane is the Comet DH-106—Britain's first jet airliner, and the "white hope" of British civil aviation.

Experts believe the plane will put Britain five years ahead of the airlines of other countries when it comes into service—probably in 1952.

The De Havilland Company disclosed today that the airliner is expected to have a cruising speed approaching 600 miles an hour at about 40,000 feet. It will carry an operational flight crew of four and up to 30 passengers, accommodated in fully reclining seats similar to the American "sleepers."

It will be powered by four De Havilland "Ghost" engines, mounted on low, swept-back wings and will have a retractable tricycle undercarriage with a steerable nosewheel.

Sixteen Comets are being built at the De Havilland factories at Hatfield, 30 miles north of London. Some experts have foreseen the new airliners flying from London to Australia in little more than 24 hours. They believe they will whip the cream off the North Atlantic traffic because of their speed and comfort.

The prototype is yet approaching the flying stage, but if there is no foreseeable hitch, it may be flying before the end of the year, the company said today.—Reuter.

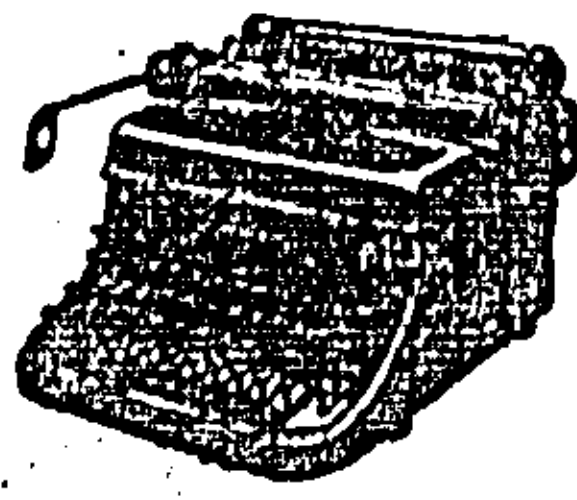
EDITORIAL

Stairway Stallholders

IN its investigation of, and recommendations on the subject of shops and stalls erected within the stairways of dwelling houses, the Kowloon Residents' Association is embracing a variety of interests, each in part conflicting. On health and safety grounds the KRA has a strong case, while Government is invested with legal powers. The KRA argues that these miniature shops are insanitary and present an extra fire hazard. It cannot be denied. What is more, they serve very little, useful purpose. What is offering at these stalls can be obtained from any of the established shops, and at similar prices. They are, therefore, but another example of the Chinese predilection for the "hawker system." But hawkers are, or are supposed to be, controlled by licence and other conditions, whereas no such impositions are placed on the stairway stallholders. They represent a typical example of the mushroom growth of small-time operators which, since the Liberation, have infested Hongkong in a number of forms. Their wares invariably are soiled by the dust from the roadside, and because turnover is small, stocks are held for indefinite periods, with consequent deterioration. Nevertheless, these stalls do provide a livelihood for a number of people, however small it be. What is more, they offer additional income for property owners; therefore, both parties are certain to resist any attempt to remove the stairway stalls, and because of this the issue, on the face of things, is narrowed to whether the fire risks and the danger to public health shall take precedence over

the interests of landlords and stallholding tenants. But the legal aspect also enters. The stalls are illegal structures, and as such, their removal can be ordered. In addition, many of them are obstructions to residents who have to make use of the main entrances in order to reach their flats. Nor can they be said to improve property values. Some are kept clean and tidy; others are eye-sores and nuisances. On balance their nuisance is greater than their worth, and Kowloon, particularly Nathan Road, could well do without them. As a relic of those early Liberation days, when for the sake of public convenience stalls and temporary shops were welcome, but quite honestly, no longer useful. Their disadvantages outweigh their virtues, as it was found in the case of the private garages converted into shops. Nevertheless, the livelihood of these stallholders must be protected. In the event of dispossession they must be offered alternative sites whereon they can offer their wares. This was done in the case of the flower vendors and there is no reason why the same consideration should not be advanced for the stairway stallholders. Support for the KRA recommendations is offered, but on that condition, and we join the Association in trusting that Government will actively pursue the matter, with the dual object of ridding Kowloon buildings of unnecessary fire risks and public health hazards, at the same time giving fair play to the dispossessed stallholders.

REMINGTON TYPEWRITERS.



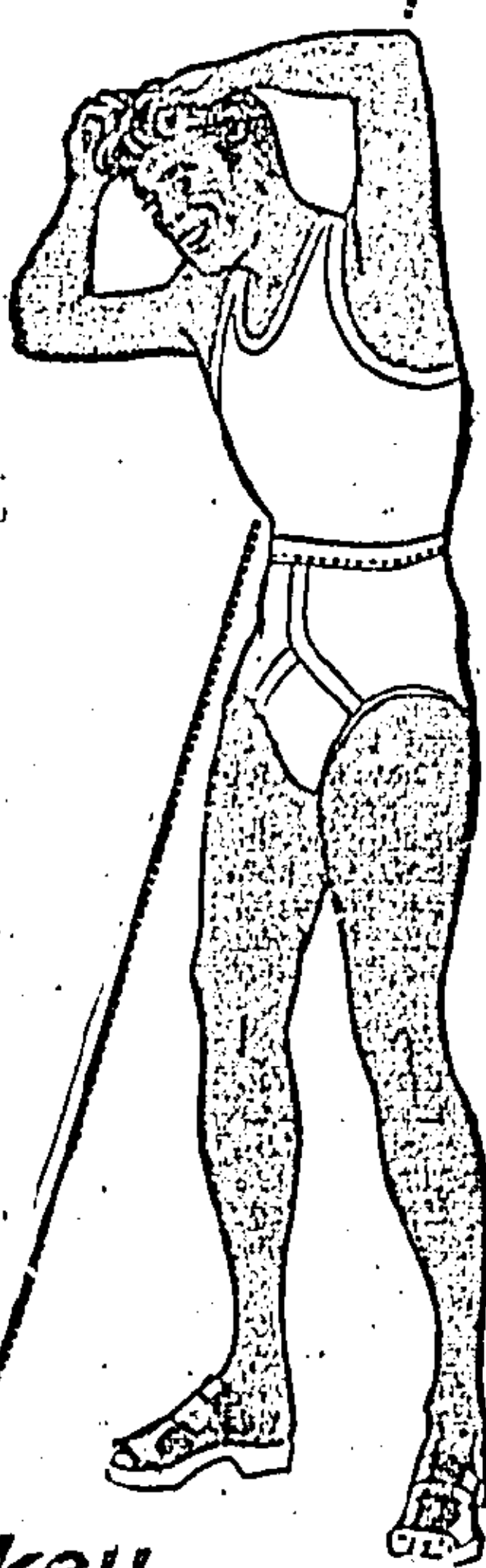
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WOMANSENSE

Dressy Black Crepe



By PRUNELLA WOOD

ONE'S silhouette whittles away to the fashionable minimum in this cleverly draped afternoon dress, made of black crepe, and with an inset of sheer black lace over pink sheer at the bosom.

The model closes with a zipper in front, between the two flat drape arrangements which turn into a slight bustle behind. Sleeves have a dolman cut and have push-up forearms.

Short Girls Get Jobs In Hollywood

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD. — A girl is assured of steady employment in Hollywood if she's shorter than the male stars. More dashing heroes than you'd think wear high heels. Some of them do their love scenes standing on chairs. A girl like Veronica Lake, who looks smaller than they do, is always in demand.

Miss Lake weighs less than 100 pounds and stands five feet two. It's still too tall for Mickey Rooney, but it's short enough for everybody else in town.

"Tall girls are more interesting to look at," said Miss Lake. "But they certainly have trouble getting jobs. It's hard to find a leading man to match their stature."

Put a leading man next to Miss Lake, and he begins to look and feel like a giant.

Men Don't Like It

Men can't say what they want, but they don't like to be dwarfed by their girl friends," Miss Lake said. "Just masculine vanity. I don't think they mind if their girl is bigger than they are mentally."

There's a big business, she pointed out, in high heels so he can be taller than she is. Nobody advertises night school classes so he can be smarter than she is.

Miss Lake's pettiness is strikingly apparent in "Slatery's Hurricane" in which she is teamed with Richard Widmark, six feet, and John Russell, six feet four inches. In spite of her fragile appearance, Miss Lake has a little difficulty in whittling both Widmark and Russell down to her size.

"Tall girls get a lot of attention from men—they're mighty imposing," Miss Lake said. "They get a lot of admiration, but I don't envy them. 'Who wants to be admired—from afar?'"

Household Hint

Don't try to keep up the usual home entertaining if you have taken a full-time outside job. If you wish, invite friends after dinner for a game and a simple snack. Be good to yourself, relax as much as possible, and keep fit for your job and your family.

NO-BUMP PRAM FOR BABY



Small wheels attached to the rear axle keep baby's ride smooth even on stairs and street curbs. This carriage was shown at the London Inventors' Club exhibition.

Wool Takes On A New Look

By JOAN ERSKINE

London, Mar. 18. GOOD news for the over-fifties and the not-so-slender! Cotton, on its way up the social ladder, is being closely followed by another fabric: Wool, for so many years associated only with knitwear and heavy-weight materials, is rapidly moving into the glamour class.

Last week the International Wool Secretariat put on a fashion parade for "Mrs. Everywoman" who, according to the statisticians, is 5 ft 3½ in. tall, has a 28½ in. waist, a 34 in. bust, and a varying hip measurement. But they catered also for the woman of larger proportions.

Viscountess Addison, wife of the Lord Privy Seal, opened the show and reminded us of the days when, as children, we had struggled into long woollen stockings and thick underwear, and had sworn never to wear wool when we grew up.

The parade was a revelation. Wool fabrics, because of their superb draping qualities, are ideal for the outside and older woman. They "soften harsh lines, and iron out, at least visually, unwanted curves" the I.W.S. told us. Some of Britain's most prominent dress manufacturers effectively proved this point. They showed wearable, attractive clothes from house-coats to evening dresses.

DELICATE SHADES

THE colours used were delicate pastel shades, occasionally brightened by vivid tomato red, sage blue, or cerise, destroying for ever the old idea that wool for women must always wear quiet, restrained and, frankly, dull colours. The ages of the women who showed the clothes at this parade ranged from 18 to over 50, showing the suitability of wool for any age. The manufacturers say there is no reason today why a woman of almost any size, shape or age, should not be fitted perfectly with a stock size of dress, owing to the wide range now available.

By unusual seaming, and the use of vertical, rather than horizontal lines, an infinitely slimmer silhouette can be obtained. In the past there has been a surprising lack of imagination in the field of outsize design. It was hardly ever possible for the woman of over-weight to walk in a dress. But happily, this state of affairs is slowly coming to an end.

TUXEDO REVERS

THE housecoats were far from being warm, uninteresting, "dressing-down" affairs. One, in brilliant scarlet, had long blue tuxedo revers from neck to hem. Another, in cerise, showed contrasting lime green panels in the front which came from the shoulders to cross at the waist, and continue to the hem.

For the 18-year-old—a sweet young thing who strode on as if she were about to play hockey—was a grey striped dress, with a grey striped cape and skirt.

were grey: the sweater was finely striped in pale pink, white, grey and black, and the cape was lined with the same striped jersey. A stocking cap with a pom-pom completed the picture. A navy boucle dress, for the middle-aged woman, had pleats all round—cut so well that there was no appearance of bulk.

Derets, who have been showing some delightful tartan variations lately, produced a black and plaid wool suit, a black jacket, and a flat-fronted plaid skirt with a sunray-pleated band.

But since this parade was mainly to show how wool can flatter the older woman, here are some more attractive styles for her.

NAVY AND WHITE

A navy and white check tweed coat with stiffly pointed revers which reached the shoulders, ample and well cut, was worn over a navy dress in wool georgette. Navy was again used for a two piece with a brightly checked waistcoat.

For country wear came pastel and phantom-checks, hopsack and herringbone tweed. Most attractive was a "Dorothy Walker" model dress in pink and grey checked fine tweed, worn with a grey wool cape edged with the check fabric.

An interesting collection of cocktail dresses was shown in printed and light weight wools. Turquoise, orchid pink, wine, navy, ecru-a-brown, and a floral design which gave the fabric the appearance of printed silk.

Again turning to the styles for the larger woman, I noticed two particularly good ones. The first, a "Dorothy Walker" model in wine, had a flared-back bolero embroidered with sequin stars. The second, from Vivian Porter, had a square neck and buttoned down one side of the bodice only. Panels of faint gold thread embroidery decorated it.

EVENING WEAR

BUT it was in evening wear that wool really sloped looking like wool. Dorothy showed a teenager's dream dress—a light weight worsted in bright blue, black and clear lemon "duster" check, with a full skirt, invisible pockets, and low neck edged with broderie anglaise. Slimming bands of sparkling embroidery crossed the hips of a dinner dress in duck egg blue light weight wool. Black sequins were scattered in moderation over a black wool georgette dress.

But the dress that really stole the show, modelled by an over fifty-year-old, was another "Dorothy Walker" model. It was grey wool lace, light and airy as a cobweb, finely pleated, with a sparkling waistband. The beautiful fabric came from Nottingham, the home of fine lace-making.

Queen Mary, who attended the display later in the week, showed great interest in the dresses, and examined the fabrics closely.

All the clothes shown are within the Board of Trade's "Dorothy Walker" model. You can have it in the shops for Spring. And as coupons are now things of the past, women will no longer be able to plead the lack of them as an excuse for looking shoddy. Excellent quality, reasonably priced materials can be obtained now in most shops, and even better quality, cheaper-than-ever fabrics are going overseas for export.

So what about mother putting her daughter to shame, and trying out wool georgette, fine lace, lightweight boucle, or phantom checks for spring?

Pliofilm Wraps Up Liquids

Plioform, a new substance invented in America and now being made in Britain, will solve many problems including the bottle shortage, and mild and bitter may soon be bought in parcel form.

Producing Plioform by the yard, the material is folded and the sides sealed with a hot iron. The packet is safe, difficult to puncture, and keeps its contents free from contamination.

When the Wolverhampton factory was opened, each of the 150 guests received gift packets of whisky and gin. The guests even lit cigars from a packet of Plioform.

Plioform will be a boon to housewives unable to afford refrigerators. It is claimed that anything from an aero engine to a kipper can be preserved in it. It costs five shillings per pound, and a halfpenny worth will wrap a cabbage. Output at the new factory is 3,000 pounds daily.

Plioform is rubber hydrochloride, made almost entirely from rubber produced in Malaya.

When Arms Take on Weight



You can give your arms a treatment at home just as they do in beauty shops. After washing, apply a lotion made especially for hands and arms.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE'S one nice thing about arms. They don't get old looking, as hands sometimes do. Being pretty much on the move during the day's activities they get a certain amount of exercise. They have a mean way of taking on adipose padding, though, even when the rest of the body is comparatively slender. They can be made normal by the simple matter of doubling up the fists and swinging the hands high, wide and handsome. In reducing salons there are special machines for sending fat cells into a state of dissolution.

A pretty arm is something of which a girl can be proud. There's a fascination in a well taken, slender wrist and a dimpled elbow. It is entitled to cosmetic attention of which it is usually deprived. Arms should be scoured daily with warm soap suds and a brush so gooseflesh will not appear to mar the alabaster surface. By speeding up the circulation, the red points will disappear.

Arm treatments are given in beauty shops. You can have one at home, if you like, and you'll be pleased with the gratifying results. After the soapy washing, apply a lotion made especially for hands and arms. Rub up and down, forcing it into the knuckles, finger nails and elbows. A splendid manner for attaining the upper arms is to stretch the shoulders, not aimlessly, or in a languid manner, but with purpose and thoroughness. The arms should be dropped down straight in front of the body with the hands clasped, air being expelled from the lungs at the same time. Then take a deep inhalation, forcibly lifting the shoulders as high as ever you can. The breath should be exhaled while the shoulders are brought forward and around in a rotary motion. All this will reduce undue fat, bury bony prominences of the shoulders and collar bones and smooth out the muscles.

Let's Eat BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Shoulder of Veal With Stuffing

"MADAME, I did not buy the leg of veal that you wanted. But I have here another cut of veal I want you to see." The Chef unwrapped the package. "A shoulder of veal!" I exclaimed. "And a very nice piece of meat it is, too; just pink enough, and the fat a slight pink colour. That's practical buying." I approved. "Can I have it stuffed for dinner the first day; made into a pie for lunch or dinner later in the week, and the left-overs might be creamed and served on toast for breakfast. You know, Chef, home-makers are constantly telling me that their biggest problem in preparing budget meals is satisfying the members of the family who have decided preferences for the more expensive foods."

"That is also a problem for the chefs of the hotels and restaurants. With the exception of the highest priced places, they must find ways and means to make delicious dishes out of the less expensive cuts of meat, so more people can afford to be their customers. Now take this shoulder of veal. Nicely roasted with a fine stuffing, it is most appealing."

Stuffing often asks what the name implies—"stuffy." That's because for generations they have been made by soaking left-over dried bread and crusts in hot water; squeezing it out, and along with it the flavour of the bread; throwing in a little chopped onion, and some poultry seasoning; then packing it into the meat. Result, a soggy indigestible mass. But use crumbed stale bread, add certain slightly sautéed herbs, some fat and a little baking powder for lighter texture, and you achieve a stuffing so good that the family won't even comment on the fact it's used in an inexpensive cut of meat like shoulder of veal.

Dinner

Radishes, Carrot Sticks, Roast Shoulder of Veal, Cucumber Stuffing, Tomato-Cucumber Gravy, Noodles Polonaise, Spinach, Cherry Kuchen, Coffee or Tea, Milk (Children). All Measurements Are Level. Recipes Serve Four.

Roast Shoulder of Veal. Order a shoulder of veal boned, but bring the bones home to use for soup stock. Bake the veal lightly inside and

breast 35 min.

Combine 1½ c. milk and 1½ c. water and bring to boiling point. Add ½ lb. thin noodles broken into 2 in. lengths. Simmer until tender about 12 min. Add ½ tsp. salt. The noodles will absorb most of the liquid. Serve very hot, strewn with coarse white bread crumbs fried golden brown in butter or margarine.

Cherry Kuchen. Break 2 eggs into a mixing bowl and beat slightly. Add ½ tsp. almond extract, ¼ c. sugar and 3 tbsp. melted margarine or shortening, and combine to beat until creamy. Sift together 2 c. flour, 3 tsp. baking powder and ½ tsp. salt. Add ¾ c. sliced, fresh cherries and mix until well coated with the flour. Stir alternately into the first mixture with ¾ c. milk. Spread the batter into an oiled 7" x 11" cake pan. Sprinkle with 1½ tsp. granulated sugar; bake in moderate oven, 375° F. about 35 min.

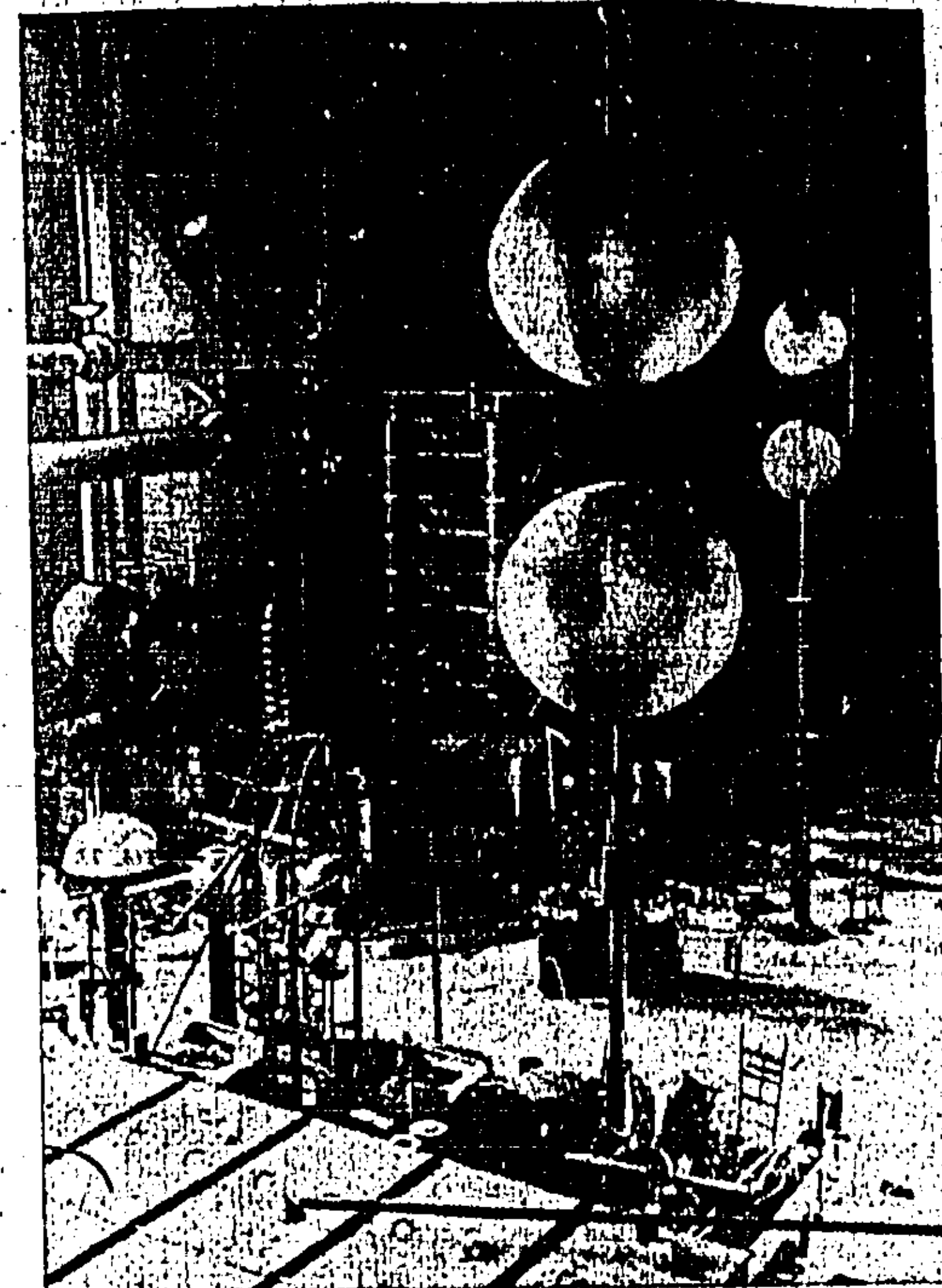
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



EVACUATION—Crowds of people gathered in Pkenyan, Korea, to bid farewell to these men of the Soviet Army, evacuated from North Korea in accordance with the country's agreement with the Soviet government.



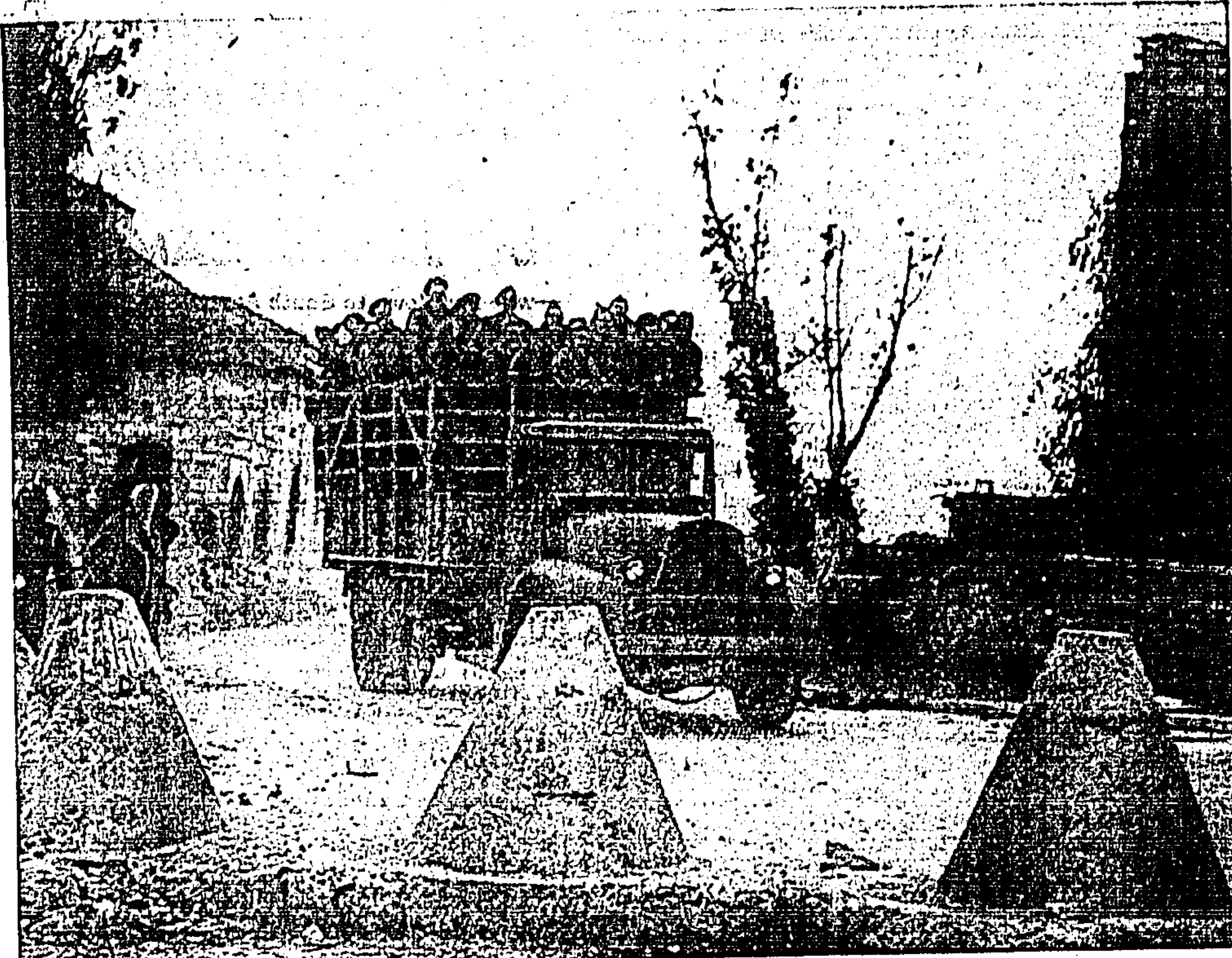
AIDING THE CAUSE—During a visit to the Salvation Army in New York, Mary Pickford conducted a class of 15 youngsters. This Junior Legion is only one of the projects of the charitable organization, which is campaigning for \$1,100,000.



HIGH POWERED—At the National Physical Laboratory, which covers more than 50 acres near Teddington, England, British scientists make their experiments. This high voltage laboratory houses 1,000,000 volts at power frequency, and a 2,000,000-volt single generator.



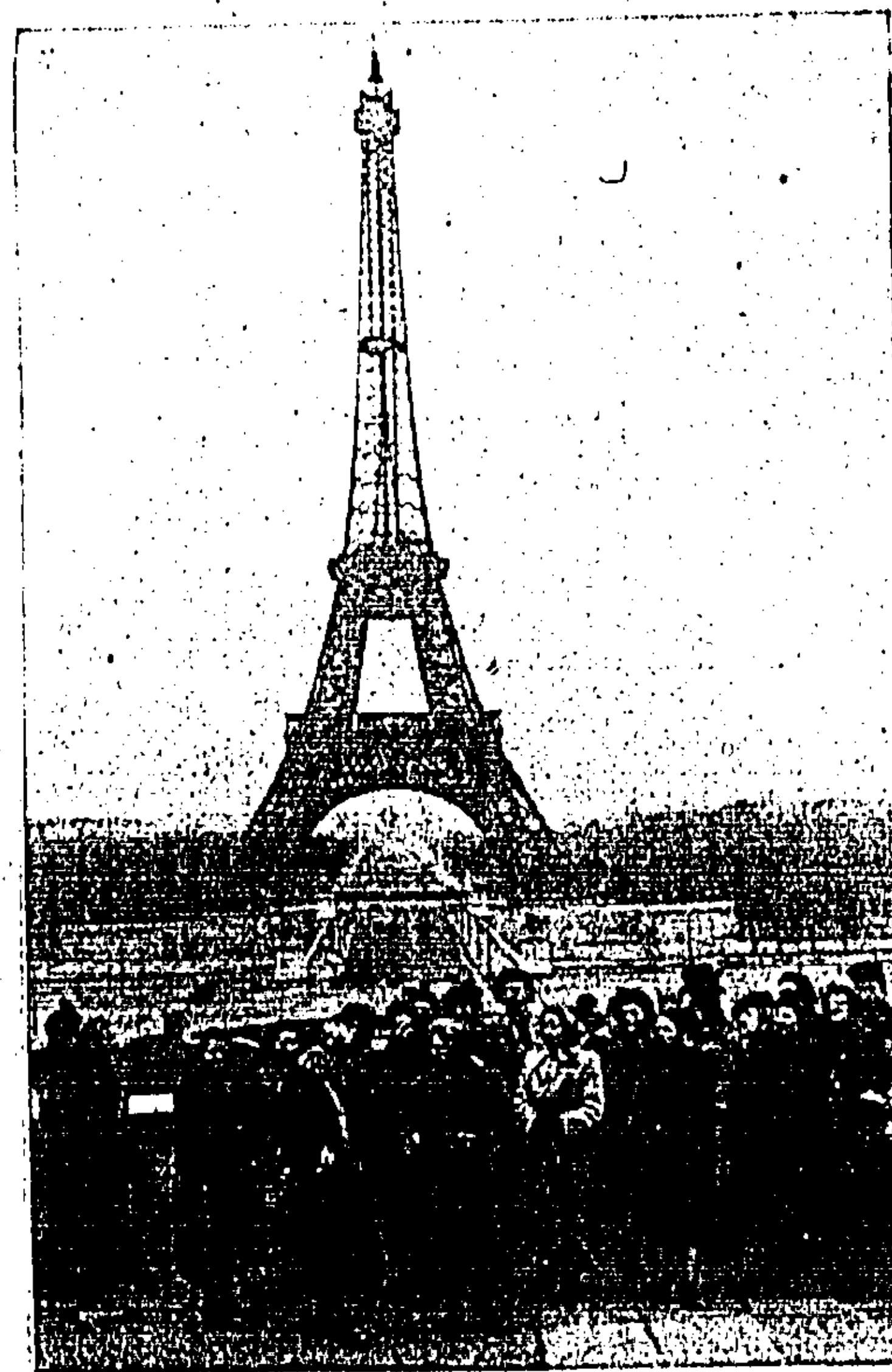
AIMING HIGH—These boys are playing "high altitude" basketball on a playground in Katen, Java. Being tall isn't much help in shooting for such high baskets.



COMING HOME—A truckload of Israeli soldiers moves past "dragon's teeth" tank obstacles en route to the Mandelbaum Gate of Jerusalem, where they will be released. Coming from prisoner of war camps in Trans-Jordan, their liberation followed the earlier release of Arab prisoners as agreed upon by the leaders of the opposing armies.



ISN'T IT A DEER?—Flagg, a two-year-old deer, is the busiest animal in Council, Georgia. As a pet, he has the freedom of the town, where he meets mail trains. Here he is seen eating peanuts from the post office window.



LOOKING THINGS OVER—This group of American women pause in Paris to look at the Eiffel Tower. On a tour of Europe to compare American and European methods of agriculture, they mix business with pleasure by doing some sightseeing.



THE WINNER—Michaela Rees stands beside the trophy she won as "Miss Miami Beach." Michaela is a dental technician.



OPEN AIR CLASSROOMS—Holding a class at the Pyramid of Cheops, near Cairo, students from the Egyptian Higher School of Archaeology study to become teachers. Graduates will become supervisors of provincial museums which hold the 5,000-year-old antiquities of the Nile.

JOAN BLONDELL, glamorous star says, "Pink lipstick's the Hollywood craze and 'Pink Queen' is the perfect pink."



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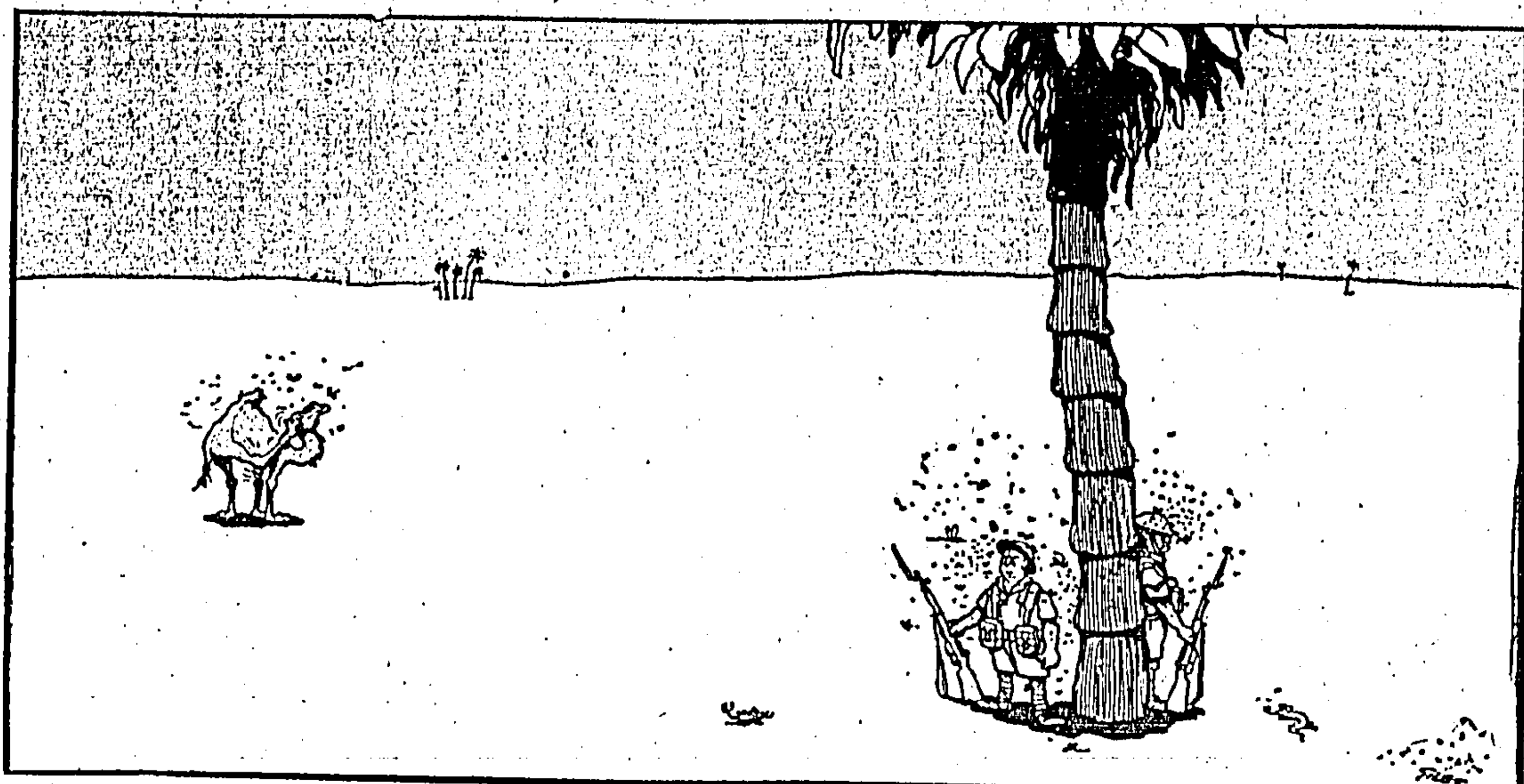
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"I wish I was at that Commons debate this week—I'd tell 'em what they could do with their 'olidays abroad."

I've never seen people so eager to be shackled

BUENOS AIRES, Mar. 17.
THIS dismal city—the only one in the world, I should say, that can contrive to be hysterical and morose, furtive and arrogant, wealthy and bankrupt all at the same time—is now producing its most elaborate paradox.

Cheering and applauding, acclaiming and triumphant, it capers enthusiastically into the final condition of political servitude.

From noon yesterday to midnight tonight not a stroke of work is being done throughout all Argentina in honour of the great day and the new order.

In Buenos Aires, multitudes of well-fed descendants gather gaily in the Plaza Congreso to watch President Peron take the oath under the new Constitution.

This is designed to perpetuate his rule, to outlaw all opposition, and to abandon at last the lip-service to Liberalism that has lasted for 96 years.

For years past, Argentina has been a political madhouse, but until Peron it was at least rich.

If it squandered its patrimony on the masses, unnecessary, ostentatious imports, and army gear to reinforce its national pride, it was someone else's affair.

But how can you impoverish a country of such unlimited agricultural wealth—a country with 12 feet of solid alluvial topsoil where no fertiliser is ever used or needed, where cattle roam over endless prairies without shelter or need of it, fattening on alfalfa all the year round, a country the size of Europe supporting a population less than twice the size of London?

Economic hole

HOW would you ruin such a place? Well, Peron and his Government have nearly managed it.

Nobody knows the precise depth of the economic hole Argentina is in.

General Peron has a tendency in his splendid oratorical tours de force of using whatever statistics seem artistically most effective propounding the twin arguments (A) the U.S. is a villain because it will not buy Argentine meat, and (B) Britain is venal because it does.

Political novelette

NEVER since the brave days of Nuremberg have so many people made such eager fests about putting on the shackles. Only the Opposition, which withdrew from the Assembly a week ago, stays out of the flag-waving and oath-swearing.

Peron, one would assume, is here to stay—he and his good lady, the fabulous Eva, Government Glad-Hand Girl No. 1 of the extravagant political novelette that is Argentina.

It is hardly right so far to call Peron a Fascist boss, since he has built his regime on a technically democratic constitutional basis. His programme of social reform looks pretty enlightened on paper.

On this basis, Peron has erected all the gaudy, silly trappings of dictatorship, all the oppression and deceit, all the hokum and eyewash, all the intolerance and espionage of totalitarianism.

One gesture now I shall always associate with Buenos Aires. Sitting in a friend's office one's talk moves round to politics. Automatically, and with a reflex long accepted, he unplugs the telephone.

That, of course, is old stuff now. Peron has had a couple of years of strong-arm administration.

The rough position seems to be, however, that Argentina, which has done a nice job of international commercial exploitation over a period of years, is now on the rocks to a tune of some 400 million dollars owing to the United States. It is offset by a blocked credit in Britain of £60 million. It is this British debt which is causing so much eye-flashing and double-talk here today, with the perpetual demand all the time: convertibility, convertibility.

Argentina wants dollars, wants Britain's debt expunged in dollars (of which there is not the slightest, slenderest chance), and knows at heart that nobody but the U.S.A. can help her out.

A slender hope; Peron has already stood up an official loan by saying he would sooner cut his throat than take it, and no U.S. business organisation is likely to take the risk.

Meat talks

IT is that unending dollars argument which obsesses the Anglo-Argentine economic talks which have been going on here since February 22, and which look as though they will go on for years.

This meat talks are frankly in a mess. Argentina is now



—but Peron and the fabulous Eva know gaiety hides a bankrupt State

by JAMES CAMERON

—who has flown to South America to strip away the glamour and examine the conduct of a nation which has endangered Britain's tuppenny meat ration. First report below:

70,000 tons short of her commitments under the Andes Agreement and is certain to default.

Why? one wonders. There has been, it is true, a good deal of jiggery-pokery in selling the meat ordered by us to other European countries. There has been a lot of short-weight killing.

But mainly there has been a lot of personal over-eating right here on the spot.

The Argentines are the most fabulous and gargantuan meat-eaters in the world—something over a pound per day for every man, woman and child in the Republic.

But this, naturally, is only half the story. Much of the fault must be Miranda's—Miguel Miranda, the big tinplate boss whom Peron made economic adviser, and then fired not a moment too soon.

War error

MIRANDA made a colossal and not unfamiliar Argentine error: he put his money on another world war to arrive shortly and do Argentina a bit of good, as most wars in the past have done.

So he haggled, tripped up and went, leaving Argentina in a chaotic economic mess.

Argentina's answer would be to do the same as Britain did: retrench, reform.

It is doubtful whether the Argentines have the temperament, or in the present unconquerably glorious mood, the ability to do such a thing.

For the moment, it is fair to say, the decaimados—the once "shirtless ones" so dear to the Peron family—never had it so good. Only the most politically astute community of workers could have resisted Peron's offers.

They have got their charter—13 months pay a year... huge indemnities for dismissal, wage boosts up to 200 percent, with milkmen now earning up to £85 a month... a lovely blonde running the Department of Labour and Welfare and ready to address them dramatically on high days and holidays.

They have all, but they have bought it very dear.

But what else in this unformed and ill-traditioned country did they have to choose? What now opposes Peron and his chic and shrewd Eva?

Not, surely, the local aristocrats, the enormous estanciaeros—with their 100,000-acre ranches and their European education—who governed the land so arrogantly and selfishly before.

They hate Eva only because she is an upstart radio singer, not because she is politically smarter than they.

Not the army, always the big political force in Latin America—at least not yet. It is only a

C. V. R. THOMPSON REPORTS THE AMERICAN SCENE

THE MUTE ADORER

NEW YORK.

A MAN who has never said a word was sued in Atlanta, Georgia, for £12,000—for "talking" too much.

Glendon Grizzard is a deaf mute, but that did not deter him from pressing his suit with the ardour of a Don Juan.

The object of his attentions, Miss Lello Campos, is also a deaf mute. But that did not deter her from pressing her suit for what America calls "£12,000 heart balm."

In her suit Miss Campos said that Mr Grizzard began to whisper sweet nothings—in sign language—as soon as they met. But before long his language became more emphatic.

Samples of what he said, still in sign language: "Unless I can have you, my life will be one unending plain, barren and bereft of every and any pleasure."

Captivated Miss Campos, "a virtuous, unmarried deaf mute," as she described herself, agreed to marry him.

Then, she charged, Mr Grizzard roared with laughter and made jokes about her—in sign language—to their deaf mute friends. And now he and his friends laugh at her in public, she says.

TALLULAH BANKHEAD is claiming £250,000 damages because a radio advertisement refers to a hair shampoo as "Tallulah the Tube" and advises listeners to "take me home and squeeze me."

FOR ALL the depression talk, spring lambs this year are going to cost more than ever. In Chicago the other day they went for £7 6s. a cwt., a record price. And the price has been going up more than 1s. a cwt. every day. Reason—losses in the snow belt.

AFTER WEEKS of house-hunting, Madame Chiang Kai-shek is now trying to buy the Virginia estate owned by Lady Astor's family.

SO MANY politicians' phones are being tapped in New York that one now answers his thus: "Hello everybody."

SHOW BUSINESS: Gene Kelly may give up dancing, and acting for a director's job. . . . There is a colloquialism named "Laddie" ready to take over when Lassie makes her final bow-wow. . . . Back as a star again after 15 years, Gloria Hendershot is attracting bigger Hollywood crowds than any of the youngsters. Studio officials have been warned always to call her Miss Davis, never Belle.

CAT KING PACKS UP — 'SAD ABOUT THE SIAMESE'

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

THE King of the Cats is going to abdicate. He is Mr Cecil Yeates, 74-year-old Londoner and Sandhurst contemporary of Winston Churchill, who turned in a military commission to become Britain's No. 1 cat connoisseur.

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, which he has "ruled" for two years, can claim mortal authority over twice as many animals as the famed Kennel Club. A sample cat census puts the population above 6,000,000, compared with fewer than 3,000,000 dogs.

But the Kennel Club's influence is far stronger. For whereas a registered breed—the cocker spaniel—has overtaken the mongrel as Britain's most popular dog, all the pedigree cats put together are overwhelmed in numbers by unclassified alley-cats.

This is no fault of the cat breeders. The fact is that to most folk who keep a cat for its happy-home symbolism

rather than for classy companionship, pedigree does not matter.

But Mr Yeates still counts himself as going out on the crest of a cat wave. For kittens from recognised catfamilies are selling before they are born.

His one regret is that the once-favourite tabby, first ousted by the pumpered Persian, then swamped by the lithe Siamese, shows no signs of comeback.

"It is a shame that the cult of exotic breeds has put the real English tabby—the most beautiful cat in the world—out of fashion," he says.

Exotic-breed enthusiasts point out that the tabby is just as much a foreigner as the Persian or Siamese.

Scientific evidence shows that it is certainly not directly descended from Britain's wild cat, and probably came from Egypt by way of Italy in medieval times.

It was still enough of a curiosity in the 15th century for one specimen—"Dick Whittington's"—to become a country-wide legend.

Mr Yeates is on safer ground when he condemns the rebel breeders who are developing peke-faced cats—dog-like creatures with pushed-in noses and watery eyes.

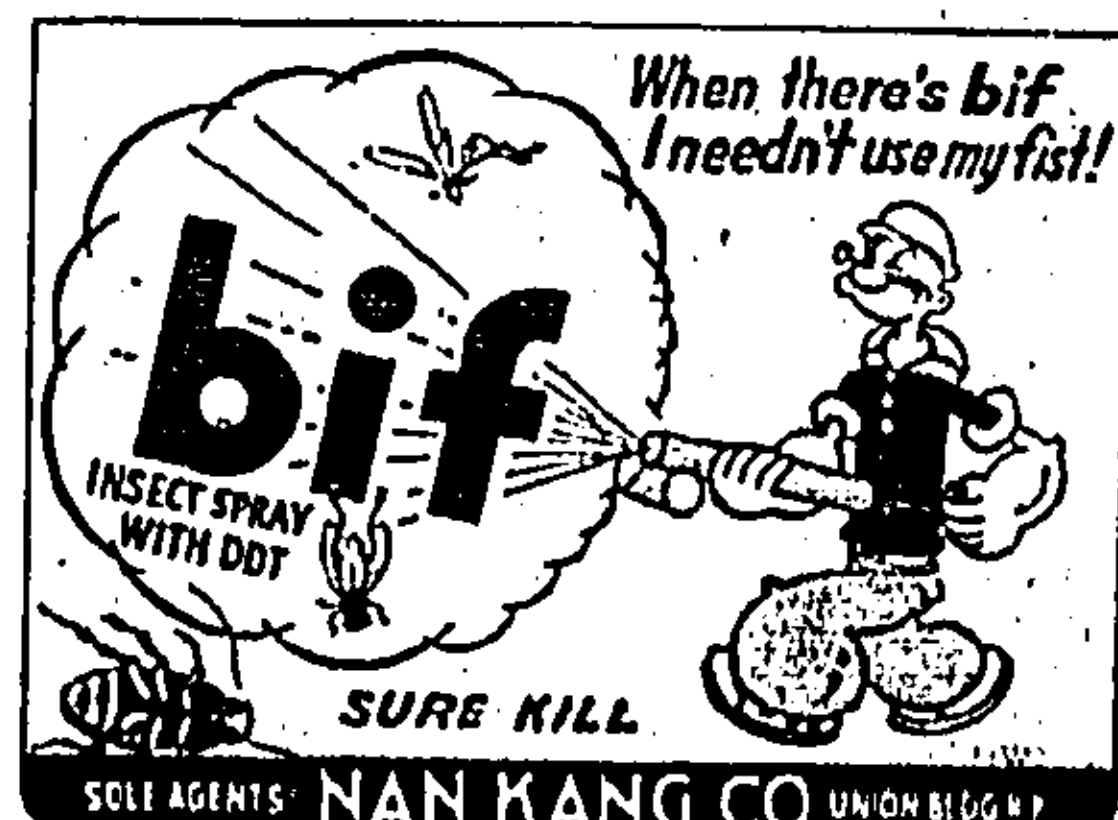
Apart from the Manx monstrosity, the cat has suffered little at breeders' hands.

Only 20 varieties are recognised by the Cat Fancy Council. But these are sufficient to cause continual bickering between the separate breed clubs which make up the woman-dominated Cat Fancy.

Mr Yeates's parling gesture is aimed at stopping this friction. He has appointed a new secretary, whose knowledge of cats extends no further than friendship with a 12-year-old non-descript tom.

POSTSCRIPT: The Yeates-Kensington (W.B.) catferry—once itself graced by such Blue Persian champions as Son O'Flick, who fathered 800 kittens—is now no more than a rest home. The last few cats of the famous Yeates strains are quietly living out their days there.

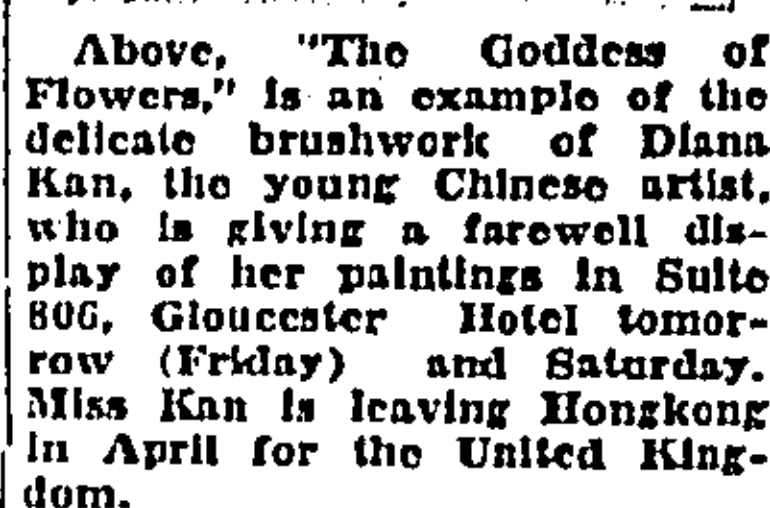
NANCY Half Right



By Ernie Bushmiller

Mr Sharkey had pleaded not guilty to both charges. The magistrate ruled that no prima facie case had been established on the second charge. Mr Sharkey, whose committal followed a two-day hearing in a special court here, was granted a \$250 bail—Reter.

WANTS ME TO CLEAN THIS FILE?
ONLY NEEDS A GOOD CLEANING—
"NOT SO VAGUE!"



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**A Chinese Picture
in Mandarin Dialogue**

"Do you suppose the boss wants me to clean this file? He just said, 'this file certainly needs a good cleaning'— I wish he wasn't so vague!"

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—Eddie Guxman and His Orchestra
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"Sealskin Trousers" Adapted from
the Story by Eric Linklater
(BBCTs): 10.00, Radio Newsreel
(London Relay): 10.15, Weather Re-
port: 10.10, "Thursday Serenade"
A Programme of Continuous Music:
10.45, "Composer Cavalcade" Music
of Al Hoffman (ORBS): 11.15, Wea-
ther Report and Close Down.

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— TO-MORROW —
"THREE FEMALES"
 A Chinese Picture
 in Mandarin Dialogue

COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

C. K. LEE ENTERS FINAL OF SENIOR SINGLES

By "SIDELINER"

COLONY TENNIS

By "RECORDER"

A FINE EXHIBITION OF SMASHING

Yesterday's semi-final match at the HKCC in The Colony Open Grasscourt Doubles between Ip Koon-hung and Lee Wai-tong and the Java-Shanghai partnership of Lee Boon-sing and T. T. Chen was one of the best of the tournament and was featured by a fine exhibition of smashing and volleying.

In grand form at the net, was the Shanghai player, T. T. Chen, whose overhead smashes, particularly in the earlier stages of the game, were effected with deadly accuracy.

With four good net players on the court there was considerable volleying and drives to the baseline were few and far between. There were several good games that went to four or more deuces but Ip & Lee proved superior to their opponents to win 4-6, 6-0, 1-6.

There was one department of the game only in which the winners were definitely better than Chen & Lee. The Shanghai-Java pair lacked a good service and had to go all out on volley and smash to win it on.

Lee Wai-tong had the best service of the four and Ip's was immeasurably superior to that of Lee Boon-sing. Chen's service was definitely weak.

Chen & Lee caught Ip & Lee Wai-tong off their guard in the first set and ran up a 3-0 lead before the latter realised that they were up against two players who were not going in for pat-ball tactics.

Ip lost on his service in the first game and Lee Wai-tong in the third. Ip was to lose once more on his service in the third set but for Lee it was the only loss on service throughout the match.

The comparatively small gallery to that which had turned out the previous day to see the Tsai brothers dispose of Roch Leung and Kwok Hing-chung saw Ip & Lee take the next two games.

The match then gathered excitement as Chen won on his service to lead 4-2. With the remaining four games all going to server, Chen & Lee came out winners by 6-4.

WENT TO PIECES.

The second set was, to say the least, disappointing. Chen & Lee had won 33 points to their opponents' 29 in the first set. In the second they lost six games in a row with never going over 30 in any game.

Toward the end of this set, they changed their tactics to a lobbing game but were held down by the pace set by Ip & Lee.

In the third set they continued to lob, varying this from corners of the court with sizzling top-spin drives leading up to a series of errors.

These tactics paid better and, though they only won one game, they carried three games to deuce and scored 21 points against their opponents' 32.

LATE RALLY

The fourth and final set was as close as the first and, though it was obvious that the slightly-built Chen & Lee had exhausted their stamina, they came back fighting in a set of sudden changes of pace and good court-craft.

CHALLENGE TO BOB PULLING

The Telegraph is in receipt of the following letter:

The Editor,
Sir,
I noticed the letter written by R. A. Pulling in the Hongkong Telegraph, in which he stated that he was willing to meet anybody pulling to the effect that I am willing to meet him, but he informs me that the promoter does not think that it is a suitable match.

During my stay in Shanghai I met the following:—Hans George, JRC, and Little Woo CBA, and managed to win both these bouts.

In my own mind I feel that we could put on a bout that would interest the public and I am quite willing to meet Pulling at 10 stone 12 lbs or under.

Yours faithfully,
A. D. CHANCE
Mess 77,
HMS Tamar.

Chen's overhead smashes were losing their sting and there was one rally in which he banged the ball down five times in a row but with a force that was not sufficient to prevent Lee Wai-tong lobbing it back each time from well behind the baseline.

Lee Boon-sing threw all his variety of strokes into this set and there was for the first time in the match a fair amount of driving.

The first game was won on Lee Boon-sing's service, the second by Ip, also on service. Then came the most spectacular game of the match.

THE CLIMAX

Here all four players rose to the occasion and every stroke was executed with effect only to be returned from an impossible angle.

Lee Boon-sing in the course of this game executed one of those perfect slices where the ball travels over the net and bounces back to where it came from.

Lee Wai-tong, keeping command at the net effectively in a game of top-spin drives, refused to be fooled by this one and gave the gallery one of its best laughs of the tournament by reaching of the net and smashing the ball just as it nipped away. The umpire did not award him the point.

The game was one of the most spectacular ever and went to eight deuces. Leading it took the life momentarily out of Chen & Lee's game and they lost the next two, coming back to take the sixth on a series of mistakes by Lee Wai-tong on Ip's service.

The gallery was just about ready to name the winners when, with Lee Boon-sing putting up a sterling exhibition at the net on Chen's service, the Java-Shanghai partnership shortened the lead at 3-4 in a game that went to four deuces. That was the end though they won the ninth game on Lee's service.

Australian Golf Tournament

Sydney, Mar. 30.—Play begins tomorrow in the McWilliams Wines Open Golf Tournament, worth A £2,500. The field includes Cestina Tugot, winner of the Philippines open championship last year, Larry Montes, runner up to Tugot, both from the Philippines, and Bob Glading from New Zealand, apart from the cream of amateur and professional golf in Australia.

Australia's Norman von Nida, who finished third in the Philippines open, is favourite to win, with Ossie Pickworth, Australia's Open Champion, also fancied.

One round will be played tomorrow and another on Friday and then the first forty on aggregate for the 36 holes will play a final 36 holes on Saturday, April 2. The first prize award is A £600.—Reuter.

Dutch Can Back Horses Again

The Hague, Mar. 30.—The Dutch will from Friday be able to back horses legally for the first time in 38 years. The official State Gazette reports that the Government is to reintroduce the totalisator for an experimental "one year period."

Chandestine betting with agents abroad had led to the loss of foreign exchange. Under the new bill, three per cent of the proceeds will go to the Treasury and "bookies" will continue to be banned.—Reuter.

CHAMPION



Yvonne Sherman, 18, of New York, won the women's singles crown in the North American Figure Skating Championships held in Ardmore, Pa. She is the first United States woman to win the title since 1939.—AP Wirephoto.

Jackie Paterson Turns Promoter

London, Mar. 30.—Jackie Paterson, who has held six boxing titles—five of them at the same time, including the world flyweight title—has retired from the ring to take up the promotion side of the fight.

Paterson, a 28-year old "southpaw" from Glasgow, announced his decision after losing his two remaining titles, the British and Empire bantamweight crowns, to Stan Rowan, of Liverpool, recently.

He and his manager, Pat Collins, will promote boxing shows in Glasgow, where a regular boxing promotion body is much needed. Few boxers could have had such an eventful career as Paterson.

At the age of five, he went to the United States with his family as emigrants. He returned to Scotland 10 years later when he first put on the gloves in an amateur show, and he turned professional at 17.

Paterson's unorthodox style and powerful punching gained him many quick victories, but he was prone to being knocked out and suffered many hand injuries through his bones being too brittle.

He won the British flyweight title in 1930 at the age of 19 and outpointed Kid Tanner, then the British Guiana triple crown champion, for the Empire flyweight title in March, 1940.

He knocked out Peter Kane in 61 seconds in June, 1943, to win the world title and a Lonsdale belt. Paterson won the Empire bantamweight title in September, 1945, and the European bantam crown in March, 1949, when he won on a foul from Theo Medina, of France. The Scot lost that title to Medina after that year when he "knocked himself out."

It happened when Paterson swung at the Frenchman, missed and fell heavily. He apparently twisted his thigh and was unable to rise. The referee counted him out and Medina won on a knockout without having delivered the blow.

The British bantam title came to Paterson in 1947. One of his biggest bugsbears in recent years has been his struggle to make the flyweight limit.

He weakened himself on a number of occasions when matched and the effort caused him to be deprived of his flyweight titles.

This was done by the British Boxing Board of Control after he had failed to weigh-in for the defence of his world title against Dado Marino, of

W.F. Foo Eliminated In Two Games

A minor surprise was in store for those who witnessed the Colony Badminton Championship semi-finals played at the Club de Recreio last night.

Displaying superb form in contrast to his opponent's very indifferent play, C. K. Lee, the Varsity left-hander, took less than twenty minutes to slash his way into the final of the Senior Men's Singles by disposing of W. F. Foo 15-6, 15-3.

Considered second favourite for the Senior title after his sensational victory over the former Colony Champion, Patrick Wong, in the opening round, Foo failed to reveal the form that helped him to victory in the previous encounter.

Time and again his shots went awry, being either too long or too wide and more often than not his drops failed to clear the net.

Lee, undeniably, deserved his victory last evening with his fine all-round play, retrieving almost every drop and smash that came over the net. Never for a single moment was there a doubt as to who was the better player on the court.

Lee ran away to a 10-1 lead in the opening game with steady play while Foo started off with one mistake after another. The score went to 12-6 with Foo connecting with some fierce smashes but ran out the game at this point.

Foo gave away 14 points in the first game through his inability to control his shots, although one must give credit to Lee for forcing him to play on the defensive.

The second game again saw Lee bringing his forceful strokes into play while Foo continued to lose out on the exchanges through mistiming his smashes and drops.

Lee, apparently confident of victory, loosened up in the second game with fiery smashes and drops which forced Foo all over the court.

Obtaining the service with the score 6-3 in his favour, Lee ran out the game and match with fine anticipation at the net and drives which found the baseline every time.

SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES
Both semi-final matches in the Senior Mixed Doubles were played last evening and Patrick Wong & Miss H. P. Lam beat Raymond Young & Miss Ullan Khoo to earn the right to meet Robert Tay & Miss Marie Ribeiro who had defeated Bill Gilles & Miss Adie Tamworth earlier in the evening.

Robert Tay & Miss Marie Ribeiro were not at all confident at the outset of their game with Bill Gilles & Miss Adie Tamworth.

Had Gilles's smashes been a little more accurate, a totally different story would have to be told.

As it was, Tay managed to steady his game, although Miss Ribeiro netted quite a number of her drops and interceptions.

he won, he wore the Swastika on his shorts, it said.—Reuter.

Dave Sands Wants To Fight Cerdan

London, Mar. 30.—Dave Sands, the "Dark Destroyer" from Australia, where he is triple champion—middle to heavyweight—has caused much raising of eyebrows in the British boxing world by the nonchalant manner in which he has challenged Marcel Cerdan, French holder of the world middleweight title.

After watching Cerdan flatten Dick Turpin, a British and Empire champion, at Earl's Court last night, Sands said: "I would like to fight the world champion. Cerdan's style would suit me admirably."

Who is this man who is not intimidated by Cerdan's devastating punching, which battered Tony Zale to defeat last September?

In Australia, where he is the most destructive fighter ever seen, he does not know how good he is. He is really not to be known until he meets somebody who can extend him. He has never lost a fight, has a long string of knockouts to his credit and has never been knocked down or hurt by a punch.

Will the American light heavyweight, Tommy Yarusz, prove to be another victim when they meet here on April 4?

In 1947 Sands knocked out the American Negro, O'Neill Bell, in two rounds. Later, Bell defeated Yarusz in Detroit, when the latter was rated sixth best light-heavy in the world.

Sands, whose real name is Ritchie, is tall, dark and handsome. Part Puerto Rican, part white, he is an Australian and a docile and modest outside the ring. Inside, he is a lightning fury, with the "killer" instinct.

Open-air life and hard work, felling, trimming and carting all kinds of timber in the family timber business, has given Sands a physical fitness which many strive to attain, but few achieve. He is one of five fighting brothers who are known as the Five Stars of the Southern Cross. They all wear white crosses on their fighting trunks.—Reuter.

By "SIDELINER"

ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND

Teams Chosen For Wembley Match

London, Mar. 30.—The England team to meet Scotland in the international soccer match at Wembley on April 9 was chosen at Sheffield today as follows:

F. Swift, Manchester City;
J. Aston, Manchester United;
J. Howe, Derby County;

W. Wright, Wolverhampton Wanderers (captain);
N. Franklin, Stoke City;
H. Cockburn, Manchester United;

S. Matthews, Blackpool;
S. Mortensen, Blackpool;
J. Millburn, Newcastle United;
S. Pearson, Manchester United;

and
T. Finney, Preston North End.

The Scottish team was chosen at Glasgow today as follows:

Cowan, Morton;

Young, Rangers (captain);
Cox, Rangers;

Evans, Celtic;
Woodburn, Rangers;
Aitken, East Fife;
Waddell, Rangers;
Mason, Third Lanark;
Houliston, Queen of the South;
Steel, Derby County;
and
Riley, Hibernians.

There are no new "caps" in the side, but it shows several changes from the last English representative team which defeated Switzerland at the beginning of December last.

Swift returns in goal for Ditchburn, of Tottenham, and Ramsey, of Southampton, loses his place at right back, Aston moves over into that position and Home comes in at left back.

The half line remains the same while Mortensen, Pearson and Finney come into the forward line for Rowley, of Manchester United, of West Bromwich Albion, and Hancock, of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Both Mortensen and Finney had to withdraw from that match because of injury.

Steel, the only Anglo-Scot in the team, and Young alone remain of the side beaten by England at Hampden Park last year. Young was then centre-half, the position he occupied against Wales and Ireland this season. Two years ago, against England, Young was right-back, with Woodburn centre-half.

Of last week's Scottish League team beaten by the Football League, only Young and Mason are retained.

Young, Evans, Waddell, Mason, Houliston and Steel took part in Scotland's last international match, against Ireland at Hampden Park, in November.—Reuter.

Seaside Towns Are Best

London, Mar. 30.—Trainers of English soccer league teams, casting envious glances at the exalted positions of Portsmouth, Swansea Town, Southampton and Hull City, are wondering whether there is more in it than mere coincidence that the leaders of the respective divisions all come from seaside towns.

Many feel that the privileged location enjoyed by these teams has attributed in no small measure to their success. Certainly the beneficial qualities of sea air have long been recognised by soccer clubs, many of whom send their players to the coast for brine baths and walks.

On this assumption, Hampshire would appear to be the most bracing spot, at both Portsmouth, the premier Division, and Southampton, who top the Second League, are both from this southern county.

Indeed, but for an indifferent spell by the Third Divisioners, the three neighbouring Hampshire coast clubs might have finished at the head of their respective leagues.—Reuter.

Football Results

London, Mar. 30.—The results of football matches played today were:

Third Division Southern: Torquay United 0, Port Vale 0.

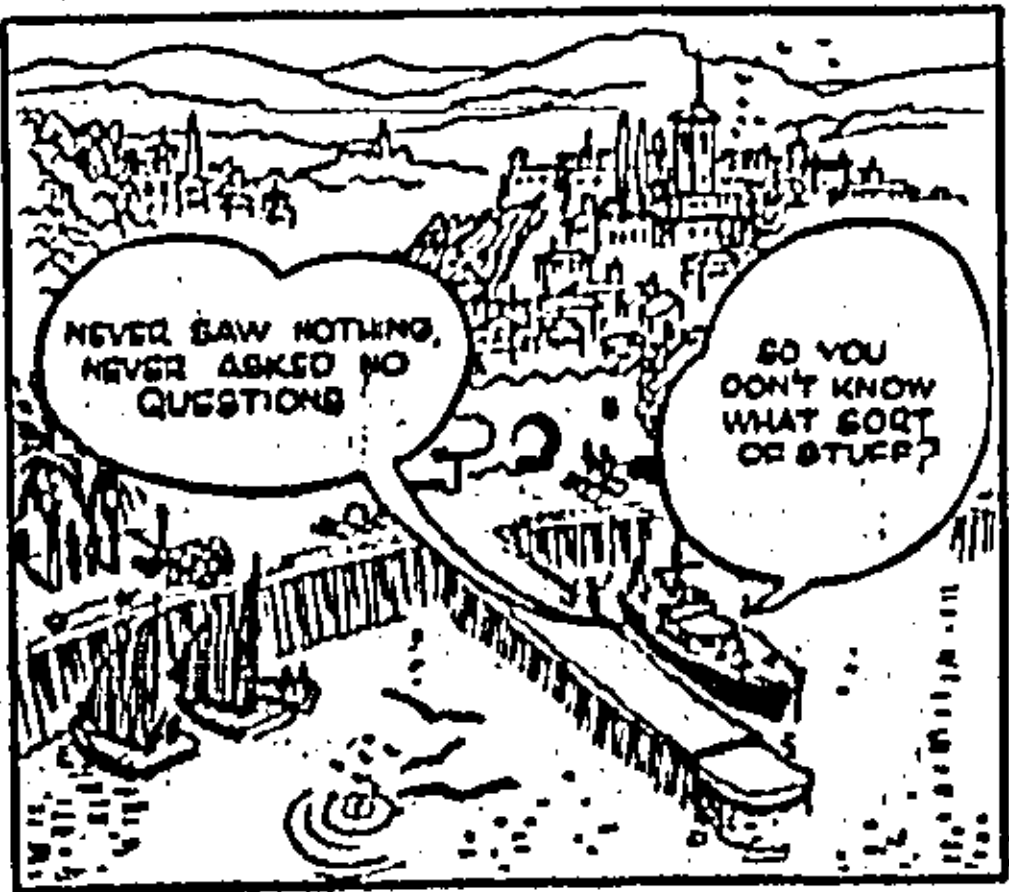
Third Division Northern: Hull City 2, Tranmere 0.

Association match: Royal Navy 1, RAF 1.

Irish Cup semi-final: Glen-terran 1, Portadown 1.

(no extra time played)
Rugby Union: Clifton 8, Bristol 11.

Rugby League: Warrington 32, Belle Vue, Rangers 0.—Reuter.



FINANCIAL AID FOR FEDERATION OF MALAYA

British Govt. To Subscribe £6 Mill.

London, Mar. 30.—The British Government would shortly seek authority for £5,000,000 for the Federation of Malaya, the Colonial Under-Secretary, Mr David Rees Williams, announced in the House of Commons today.

He said the Government had been considering the difficulties of the Federation and the money would be for meeting expenditure incurred by the Federation in maintaining internal security in 1949.

"We shall also ask for £1,000,000 in respect of the expenses of the Imperial forces in 1948 and 1949," Mr Rees Williams added.

He said that further help may be necessary in 1950, and "in the event of a material change the matter will be reviewed in the light of the position as it emerges."

Mr Rees Williams said: "His Majesty's Government has been in full consultation with the High Commissioner, and it is understood that further help may be necessary in 1950."

He continued: "A Bill to authorise the raising of \$100 million has been introduced in the Legislative Council of the Federation and will be considered tomorrow. A proportion of the loan, with the British Government's consent, will be raised in London."

Mr Rees Williams was replying to a question by Mr Leonard Gammans, Conservative, who asked if he would make a statement on the application by the Government of the Federation

of Malaya for permission to raise a loan or by other means to obtain financial assistance in the country.

RESENTMENT

After the Minister's statement, Mr Gammans further asked: "Does he realise that there is much feeling about this in Malaya—about the fact that we made a free gift of £20 million to Burma, which has gone out of the Commonwealth?"

"Does he realise that this is naturally resented by a country which provides us with more American dollars than the total exports of the United Kingdom?"

Mr Rees Williams did not reply.

Mr Rees Williams, replying to a question by Mr Percy Daines, Labour, then amplified today's statement. He said: "I make the following statement in amplification of the reply on this subject given today to Mr Gammans."

"His Majesty's Government are fully aware of the heavy financial burden placed on the Federation of Malaya as a direct result of the present disturbances."

"I have informed the High Commissioner that it is proposed to seek Parliamentary authority at the first opportunity for the provision of £6 million, of which £5 million will be to cover that part of the direct expenditure of the Federation Government on internal security in 1949 which it is unable to meet from its own resources."

MILITARY COSTS

"The balance of £1,000,000 is an estimate of the extra expenditure likely to be incurred on the Imperial forces in Malaya in 1948 and 1949, and which in the special circumstances of the territory His Majesty's Government has agreed to meet."

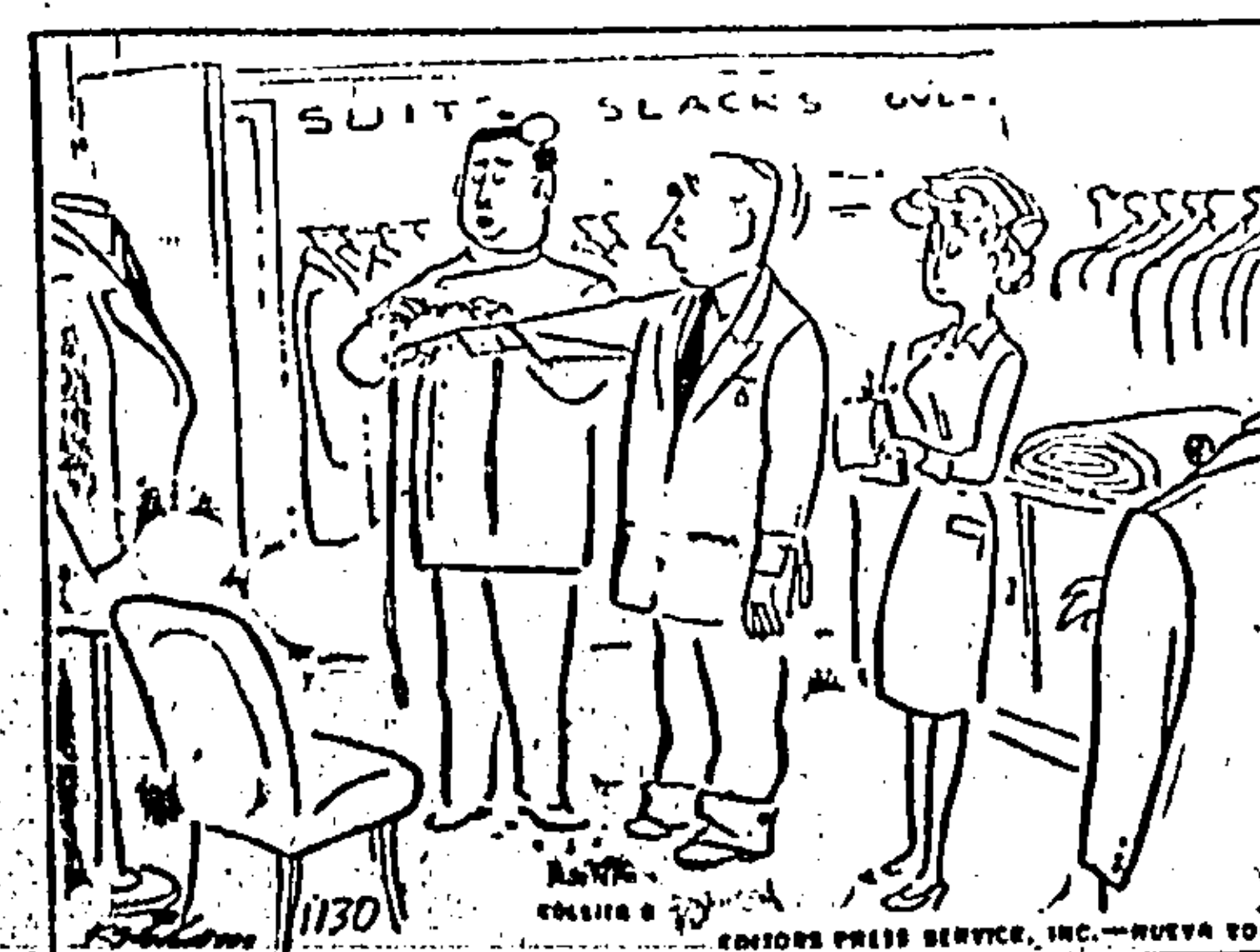
"The amount of His Majesty's Government's assistance has been decided after full consultation with the High Commissioner on the budgetary programme and fiscal policy of the Federation."

"His Majesty's Government recognise that further assistance may be necessary in 1950, but should there be a material change in the position which cannot be left for adjustment in 1950, the matter will be considered again this year in the light of the position as it emerges."

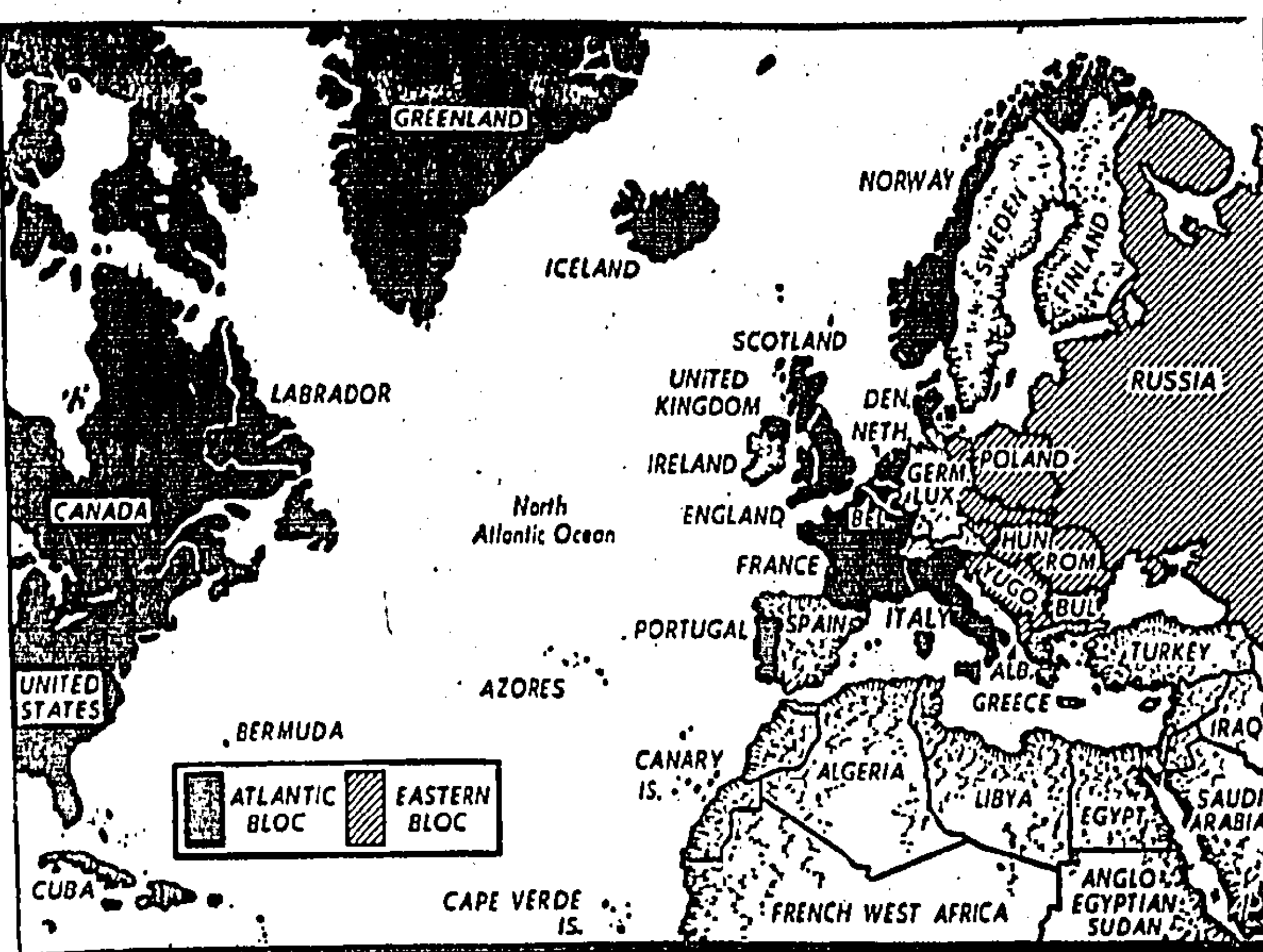
Mr Daines' question was: "Whether the Minister's attention has been drawn to the High Commissioner's recent statement in the Legislative Council of the Federation that he had expressed to the Secretary of State the necessity for a substantial contribution from the British Government towards the cost of the security and defence requirements in Malaya; and whether he is in a position to make a statement on the subject?"—*Reuter.*

MEETINGS AND MARCHES BANNED

Kingston, Mar. 30.—Sir John Huggins, the Governor of Jamaica, tonight banned all street meetings and marches for one month, following clashes between Mr William Alexander Bustamante's Labour Party and its opponents.—*Reuter.*



"Shorten arm two inches"



Countries shown in black on map are those expected to be united under the North Atlantic security pact. Shaded countries are those under domination of Soviet Russia.—AP Picture.

U.S. To Train Chinese Pilots

Washington, Mar. 30.—The State Department announced today that \$500,000 of the Marshall Plan Chinese Air Force funds are to be used to aid Chinese students in the United States.

The funds will provide temporary aid for Chinese students in certain scientific and technical fields "to enable them to achieve immediate professional objectives and return to China as soon as possible to make use of their knowledge and skill."—*Reuter.*

Rajputana States Cease To Exist

Jaipur, Mar. 30.—The "Children of the Sun and Moon," the famous Rajput princes who have ruled these celestial bodies and have maintained some degree of independence against the changing tides of Indian history for 1,000 years, went into eclipse today.

In a brief ceremony in the magnificent Durbar Hall of the Maharajah of Jaipur's principal palace, with 11 rulers present, the Indian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for States, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, accomplished what neither the Mogul conquerors nor the British had done: erased from the map the warrior states of Rajputana—the "Home of Chivalry."

The outline of today's achievement was the joining of 15 Princely States of North-Central India into one political unit called "The Union of Greater Rajasthan (Land of the Princes)."

It will be administered by two New Delhi Government through local Congress Party officials until elections for a Rajasthan Assembly can be held.

"Greater Rajasthan," a union of 15 Rajputana States, has an area of 120,000 square miles, an aggregate population of 13 million and an annual revenue of \$7,500,000.

It will be one of the biggest political units in the Indian Union.

Under the covenant establishing the union, the Maharajah of Jaipur becomes "Rajapramukh" (constitutional head of the state) for life. He was sworn in today at the Hall ceremony by Sardar Patel in the presence of a large number of princes, chiefs, officials and leading Indian personalities.—*Reuter.*

CANADIAN IV PLANE ARRIVES

London, Mar. 30.—The first of 22 Canadian IV planes, ordered by the British Overseas Airways Corporation, was officially handed over at London Airport today.

The plane, flown by a Canadian crew, reached England yesterday from Montreal. A 40-passenger aircraft, the Canadair IV, is expected to make its debut for BOAC on the Far Eastern run.—*Reuter.*

Security Pact Line-Up New Indonesian Army To Be Raised

Army To Be Raised

Batavia, Mar. 30.—The Dutch Army officially announced today plans for the speedy establishment of a new Federal Army in Indonesia.

The new Indonesian troops will gradually replace the Dutch expeditionary forces here.

The announcement said the plans call for the wedding of 18,000 Indonesians into the new Army this year and that training will be started shortly.

The new organization's backbone will be the existing "Security Battalions," the Dutch-sponsored Federal states and former Republican combat groups, some of which have already shown willingness to co-operate with the Dutch.

Enlistment, recruiting and training will be based on the scheme already adopted for the "Security Battalions" (largely consisting of volunteers).

Half of this year's 18,000 men will be infantry and the others will serve in the Air Force, Quartermaster and other auxiliary branches.

The Army said the plans already have been approved by the Dutch Government in Batavia.

"PRE-FEDERAL ARMY"
It said the new Federalist soldiers will initially "need the help of Dutch Army officers and non-commissioned officers, who will be replaced gradually by Indonesians."

Pending the creation of a sovereign United States of Indonesia, the new army will be known as a "pre-Federal Army." Units will be under the jurisdiction of the Federal State when formed. The Army stressed the necessity to replace the present army, mentioning the Dutch plans for an early transfer of Indonesian sovereignty.

The announcement cautiously observed that the success of the plan will depend on the "continuously favourable development of military and political situation."

In an apparent reference to the reported co-operation between Dutch and Republican troops in some parts of Western Java, the Army said: "Thousands" of Republicans have already realised that reconstruction is more important than fighting and want to join the new Army.—*Associated Press.*

"The Dutch, therefore, withdrew from the Conference, but, mindful of the serious consequences to all concerned, continued to maintain the Conference rates of freight, hoping that wiser counsels might still prevail."

Van Ommerens added that the Dutch attitude changed when it was learned that the Conference would announce that the Dutch line had withdrawn, that shipments by Dutch steamers after March 7 would invalidate rebates and that reduced rates of freight would be offered. At the same time, the Conference instituted "fighting committees" at Antwerp and Rotterdam, "leaving nobody in doubt as to the intentions of the Conference."

"This was the first shot," added Van Ommerens, and naturally the Dutch are fighting back. "In some press and radio reports the Dutch are accused of 'claiming the bulk of the German trade. It is the lack of the German trade, compared with pre-war, that has left the traffic passing through the North Continental ports a shadow of the pre-war volume."

"All the Dutch seek is a reasonable share of the trade to enable them to maintain their two sailings a month. Granted this assurance, the Dutch line are prepared to restrict their services to fortnightly sailings."—*Reuter.*

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POLICEMEN KIDNAPPED

Rangoon Incident

Rangoon, Mar. 30.—Rangoon police were ordered to stand by today after adherents of the pro-Communist White Band People's Volunteer Organisation had kidnapped some policemen.

This followed persistent rumours that the PVOs from the interior were massing outside the city for large-scale infiltration.

An official statement said the kidnapped police had attempted to make inquiries into a recent armed robbery here. The police were later released "after questioning."

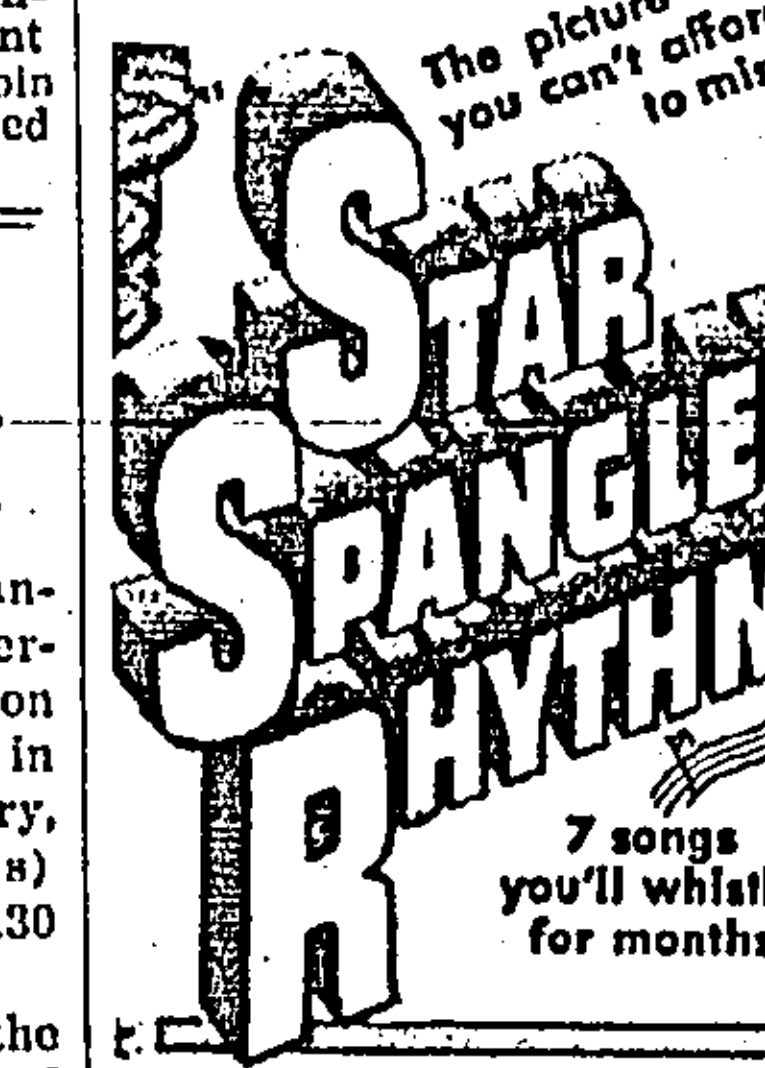
Tension was mounting in Rangoon today in the absence of an official announcement of a reported understanding between the Government and the PVO would be given important Cabinet posts.

Official sources said a final settlement with the PVOs was unlikely before the return of the Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, reported to be at Myittha, the capital of Kachin State North Burma.

The Rangoon district magistrate today ordered a dusk-to-dawn curfew without explaining why.—*Reuter.*

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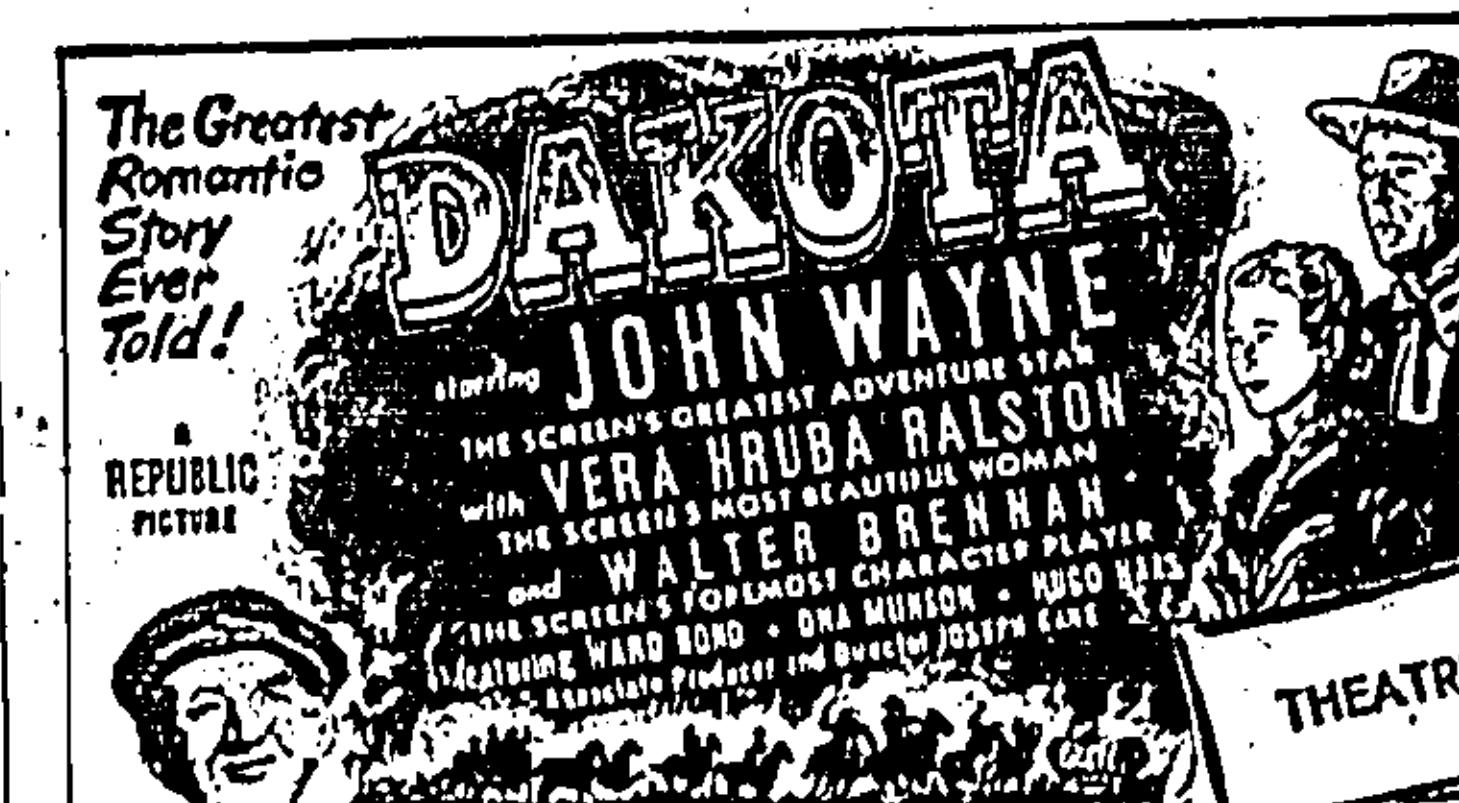
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